

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 6 and 12 is noted with appreciation.

The allowable claims have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claims 1 and 11, respectively, in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in of the Office Action. Claims 1, 11 and 20-21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 14, 17 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 6 or 12. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

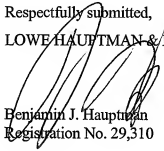
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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